

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above-identified patent application has been reviewed in light of the Examiner's Non-Final Office Action dated November 2, 2006. Claims 2, 4, 21, 22, 24, and 26 have been amended. Claims 1, 3, 23, and 25 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 2, 4-22, 24, and 26 are now pending.

Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kimimoto et al. (2000-366963) in view of Archold (US 2005/0195428). As set forth herein, reconsideration and withdrawal of rejections of the claims are respectfully requested.

Independent claim 2 relates to a method of using a computer system to assist a worker who goes to a work place to perform work. Similarly, Independent claim 24 relates to a computer recording medium on which a computer program instructions are recorded that is used to assist a worker who goes to a work place to perform work. Claim 2 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 3. Claim 24 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 25. Claim 2 now includes the step of sending necessary-part information to either the worker terminal or a transport person terminal used by a transport person who transports parts to the work place, the necessary-part information including identifiers for parts necessary for a work item discriminated from the reception information and a quantity of the necessary parts. Additionally, the computer program instruction of claim 24 includes a similar step. Independent claims 1 and 23 have been canceled. Additionally, as the subject matter of claims 3 and 25 is included in independent claims 2 and 24 respectively, claims 3 and 25 are now canceled.

Therefore, according to the claimed invention, if the necessary-part information is sent to the worker terminal, the worker can get the necessary-part information without stopping at the management center or the warehouse for parts before going to the work place. In other words, the worker does not need to stop at the management center or the warehouse for parts before going to the work place for getting the necessary-part information. This reduces the burden on

the worker. If the necessary-part information is sent to the transport person terminal, the transport person delivers the necessary parts to the work place. Therefore, the worker need not prepare and carry the parts, thus reducing the burden on the worker.

Kimimoto (JP Application No.: 2000-366963, JP Publication No.: 2002-169938) discloses a schedule management method for workers. In Kimimoto, a management computer (13) receives the actual working result from a worker terminal (12) and displays the working state of the worker based on a comparison of the working schedule with the actual working result. The management computer (13) stores information including a worker code, work start time, work finish time, etc. However, Kimimoto fails to disclose that necessary-part information including identifiers for necessary parts and a quantity of the necessary parts is sent to either the worker terminal or the transport person terminal.

Archold discloses a system for assigning jobs to widely-scattered individual scribes. However, Archold fails to disclose a system for assisting a worker who goes to a work place to perform work. Furthermore, Archold fails to disclose that necessary-part information including identifiers for necessary parts and a quantity of the necessary parts is sent to either the worker terminal or the transport person terminal.

As discussed above, the cited references do not disclose or teach the claimed subject matter and do not have the advantages obtained by the claimed invention. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of independent claims 2 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are respectfully requested. Claims 4-22 depend from claim 2, and claim 26 depends from claim 24. Accordingly it is submitted that claims 4-22 and 26 depend from allowable base claims. Hence, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of these claims are respectfully requested as well.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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